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### ***B Company, 181<sup>st</sup> Engineers Return from Year-Long Deployment to Iraq***

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass. – One hundred fifty Soldiers from B Company, 181<sup>st</sup> Engineer Battalion, Massachusetts Army National Guard will return home Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006 at approximately noon, after serving a year-long tour in Iraq.

The mission of the 181<sup>st</sup> was to perform site security, convoy security and facility support missions.

The Soldiers are from the **Whitinsville, Springfield and Pittsfield** area and their arrival will be brief and informal. Our goal is to reunite the Soldiers with their families and release them as soon as possible. A formal awards and homecoming ceremony will be planned for a later date.

"Bravo Company played a critical role, protecting key facilities and their fellow service members," said Brig. Gen. Oliver J. Mason Jr., the Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard. "They sacrificed much for us, and we're grateful to have them home safe."

**\*\*\*ARRIVAL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE\*\*\***

**MEDIA MUST REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT BY CALLING THE NUMBER ABOVE**

**WHAT:** Arrival of B Company, 181<sup>st</sup> Engineer Battalion, Massachusetts Army National Guard  
**WHEN:** Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at approximately noon  
**WHERE:** Elk's Lodge, 429 Morgan Road, West Springfield, MA 01089

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